

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

GUILLERMO TRUJILLO CRUZ,  
Plaintiff,  
vs.  
SAVOIE, et al.,  
Defendants.

**1:21-cv-01552-ADA-GSA-PC**

**ORDER DENYING REQUEST FOR  
FREE COPY OF COMPLAINT**

**(ECF No. 22.)**

**I. BACKGROUND**

Guillermo Trujillo Cruz (“Plaintiff”) is a state prisoner proceeding *pro se* with this civil rights action pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983. Plaintiff filed the Complaint commencing this action on October 21, 2021. (ECF No. 1.)

On April 28, 2023, Plaintiff filed a request for the Court to send him a photocopy of his original Complaint for this case filed on October 21, 2021, with attached exhibits. (ECF No. 22.)

**II. COPIES OF CASE DOCUMENTS**

Plaintiff is advised that the Clerk does not ordinarily provide free copies of case documents to parties. The Clerk charges \$.50 per page for copies of documents. See 28 U.S.C. § 1914(a). Even if the Court had granted Plaintiff leave to proceed *in forma pauperis*, he would not be entitled to free copies of documents from the Court.

1 Plaintiff reports that his copy of the Complaint was destroyed by prison officials at  
2 Pelican Bay State Prison during a cell search. Plaintiff requests a copy of the Complaint to assist  
3 him in appealing an order to the United States Supreme Court. On February 27, 2023, the Ninth  
4 Circuit dismissed Plaintiff's appeal of this Court's order requiring him to pay the filing fee for  
5 this case under 28 U.S.C. § 1915(g) as "so unsubstantial as to not warrant further review." (ECF  
6 No. 20.) Plaintiff intends to file a petition for writ of certiorari to the Supreme Court for review  
7 of the Ninth Circuit's order.

8 Plaintiff has not shown good cause for the Court to send him a free copy of his Complaint.  
9 Plaintiff's original Complaint, with exhibits, is 180 pages, and the Clerk's Office is authorized  
10 to copy only up to twenty-five pages upon written request and prepayment of copy fees.  
11 However, **as a one-time courtesy**, the Court shall allow Plaintiff to request a copy of the **entire**  
12 Complaint for pre-payment of \$90.00. To request a copy at this juncture, Plaintiff must submit  
13 a request in writing to the Clerk, large-enough self-addressed envelope(s) affixed with sufficient  
14 postage, and prepayment of copy costs by money order in the amount of \$90.00 made payable to  
15 the Clerk of the Court.

16 Based on the foregoing, Plaintiff's request for a copy of his Complaint, filed on April 28,  
17 2023 is denied, without prejudice to re-filing the request with payment of \$90.00 as discussed in  
18 this order.

19 **III. CONCLUSION**

20 Accordingly, **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that Plaintiff's request for a copy of his  
21 Complaint, filed on April 28, 2023, is **DENIED**, without prejudice to renewal of the request with  
22 payment of \$90.00.

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24 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

25 Dated: **May 6, 2023**

**/s/ Gary S. Austin**  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE